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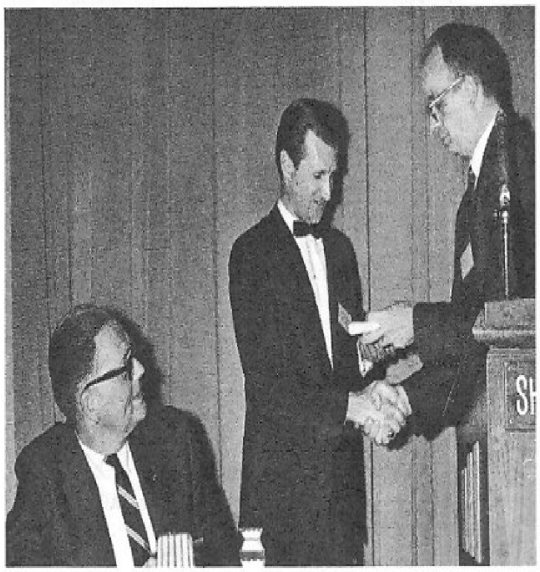
Master Model Railroader #23



Eric Bracher, center, receiving his certification as MMR #23 from AP Chairman Phil Kohl. Leader Whit Towers on left.

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Eric Bracher, MMR #23

Eric Bracher of Agnew, California has become the 23rd NMRA member to earn the distinction 'Master Model Railroader'. He holds Achievement Certificates for Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Civil Engineer, Dispatcher, Association Volunteer and Model Railroad

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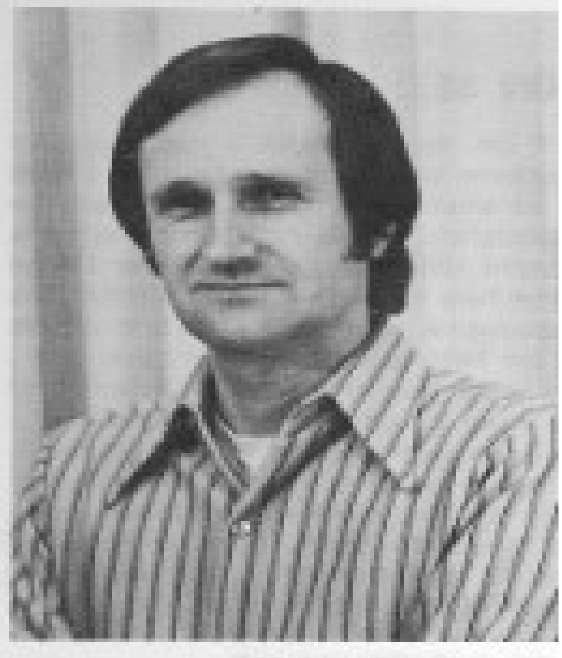

ERIC BRACHER, MMR

MMR #23, cont'd.

Author. Eric's particular interests in model railroading are scratchbuilding HO motive power and cars; he's also been an active member and elected officer of the California Central Model Railroad Club in Agnew.

Eric joined both the NMRA and PCR in 1960, and is now a life member of the NMRA. He's entered model contests in both PCR and PNR and has won numerous awards for his craftsmanship. Eric became Chairman of the NMRA Conformance-Inspection Committee in 1964 and is currently serving the NMRA in that position. He has also been twice elected as a PCR Director from its Coast Division.

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NEW C-I HEAD APPOINTED

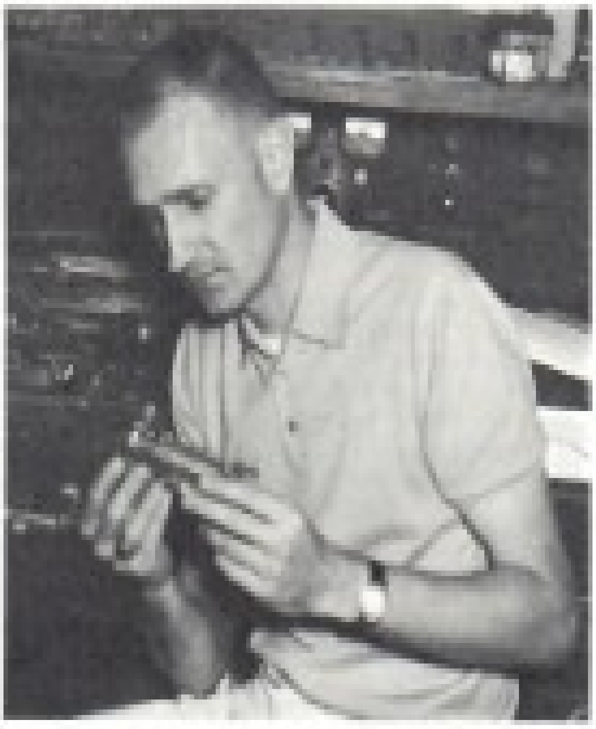
By Jack Tiedemann

Eric A. Bracher has been appointed as Chairman of the Conformance-Inspection Committee. Eric receives his mail at Post Office Box 463, Agnew, California 95001. The duty of the C-I Committee is to set up and administer suitable inspection procedures covering the inspection of commercially available model railroad products. Such inspections shall cover dimensions as set forth in applicable NMRA Standards and Recommended Practices.

Eric is employed with a magnetic tape manufacturer and is a Techincal and Specification writer. He also deals with the coordination of the efforts of Industrial Engineering and Quality Control in the area of specifications. This brings him in close contact with Quality Control and Engineering problems in inspection and manufacturing. He has a B.A. degree in Industrial Management and studied extensively in Industrial Engineering. This line of work closely parallels the work he will be doing for the C-I Committee.

He started model railroading in 1947 and then left the hobby for a short time in 1953. He rejoined the NMRA in 1960 and helped organize a club in 1961 and has held an office of one kind or another since that time.

Eric is a scratch builder and has built most of the turnouts on the club layout. He also enjoys building locomotives and other rolling stock and at the recent PCR convention in San Diego entered six models. Of these six, he won one first place award, two second place awards and one third place award. He builds in HO and HOn3. He has



ERIC A. BRACHER

a lathe and makes most of his own parts for his rolling stock.

Eric says, "I offer my services and time and a desire and willingness to work at the job of Chairman of C-I to the best interests of NMRA and the modeling industry."

Anyone that is interested in helping Eric should contact him at the above address.

Alturas To Lone Pine

Out of the West comes a new movie like those of years ago. "Peddler Freight—Alturas to Lone Pine" is right out of the Twenties with its motive power and like those old time movies, silent with titles.